

LEAD THE FIELD with International Accreditation and Recognition

Would you choose education or training with only National Recognition or with International and National Recognition?

The International Accreditation & Recognition Council has been established to provide a simple international accreditation and recognition system for post secondary and tertiary education and training.

IARC Mission Statement

The Council's primary purpose is to provide a simple recognition and accreditation system, for distinguishing quality post secondary education including vocational education, distance education, adult and continuing education.

In response to increasing globalisation of world economies and societies, the system aims to have a global rather than national focus.

The organisation and individual members will promote the system through a web site, liaison with professional bodies internationally, and by facilitating joint venture promotions between interested members.

In order to minimise member fees, administration costs, bureaucracy, and overlap with other professional bodies, the scope of activity of this organisation will be strictly limited to the management of the recognition and accreditation system, and the promotion of the system and participating colleges.

Why an INTERNATIONAL System?

- **Employment is going global**
As people become increasingly mobile, a qualification needs to be identifiable to employers internationally. National recognition will not be sufficient for many of today's graduates
- **The Internet is now widely used for education**
Users need to know what their qualification will mean in the global marketplace

- It is increasingly difficult to distinguish between qualifications
Diplomas of the same title are awarded for short, 2 or 4 week courses and courses involving several years of study
- **Articulation between Colleges and Countries**

The options:

- **Institutions can be Recognised by IARC (conditions apply)**
- **Courses offered by IARC Recognised Institutions can be accredited (conditions apply)**
- **Professional Organisations can be Affiliated with IARC, offering mutual benefits**

The safeguards:

- **Any institution must be nominated and seconded by two IARC Recognised Organisations before it is admitted to IARC**
- **International Representatives of the relevant discipline must assess all courses, before IARC accreditation is awarded**
- **Recognition and accreditation must be verified every five years**
- **Strict cancellation of Recognition if contravention of requirements is identified and substantiated**

Benefits for STUDENTS

- Standardised comparison of education/training providers operating worldwide
- Standardised comparison of courses available worldwide
- Confidence that employers will fully understand the qualifications that students have attained
- Complaints arbitration system assured by IARC

Benefits of MEMBERSHIP for SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES

- Global Client Base
- **International Recognition** of the Institution
- Courses **Internationally Accredited**
- **Enable the Institution to distinguish its quality education from sub standard education**
- Increase Graduates' Recognition in other Countries
- Develop contacts and business opportunities with other participating Institutions
- Raised Profile with Professional and Industry groups internationally and locally
- Use of the **IARC Logo** on Stationery, Certificates and signage
- Listing on the **IARC Internet Web site**

Note:

It is possible for an institution to gain Recognition only. If standards for recognition are satisfied and the standards for accreditation are not, the institution can be recognised internationally; however, the courses will not be accredited internationally.

Benefits of AFFILIATION for PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, BUSINESS and INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS

- Raise the International Profile of the Affiliate Organisation
- Develop contacts/opportunities for extended networking on a global basis
- Cross-promotional opportunities between the Affiliate Organisations
- Cross-promotional opportunities between IARC and the Affiliate Organisations. There is **no cost** involved, however there is an obligation upon each Affiliate Organisation and IARC to promote each other
- Use of the **IARC Logo** on Stationery and Certificates
- Listing on the **IARC Internet Web site**
- Extend the credibility of the Affiliate Organisation
- Members and employers of members will be entitled to a 20% discount on IARC fees:
e.g. If a college lecturer is a member of an affiliated association then his/her employer can claim reduced fees
- Listing of the Affiliate Organisation, with appropriate links, on the IARC web site
- Increase political clout locally and Internationally
- Increase of the Affiliate Organisation's Membership through cross-promotion

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